



Bringing development planning to Jordan's disparate regions

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, Dec. 12 — "Regional planning is the core of community development," says Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hussan Al Momani, as Jordan prepares to execute its five-year development plan for 1981-85.

"The idea of regional planning is a new one in Jordan," Mr. Momani said. He told the Jordan Times that the idea of undertaking such planning for development arose as a result of the capital's becoming "so densely populated" and crowded with various industrial centres that it has become difficult to provide all basic services adequately.

Amman became the first region with special development plans to govern the distribution of its population and industries in 1975. Later, the Amman region was joined in this distinction by part of Balqa Governorate due to the lack of distinct boundaries between the two areas, according to officials at the ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs.

Early in 1977, a study on the Amman region was completed; and the government decided to "generalise" regional planning to cover the whole country, though the idea came about first as a result of the need to promote development in Amman.

"A study of the Irbid region was launched in 1978 in cooperation with Japanese planning experts," Mr. Momani said. The study covered all of Irbid Governorate except the northern Jordan Valley and the desert region, he said. Late in the year, the study was ratified by the ministerial development committee and the cabinet. Mr. Momani said all recommendations contained in the study were included in the five-year development plan of 1976-80.

Though the government has decided to extend regional planning to cover all parts of the country, some areas have not been studied yet. "We have started to think of bringing economic and social development to the southern region in cooperation with a German team; such study would be more detailed," Mr. Momani said.

He added that a study of the human resources and natural potential of the Karak region is also under way, but there are some financial problems involved in meeting the expenses of the study.

Mr. Momani also said that there is a possibility of including one more region in Jordan: the desert. "Each of the regions in the country has special characteristics," and development plans will be designed taking these characteristics into account, he said. The Amman region, for example, is generally industrial and commercial in character, and development in the capital should be geared to promote those economic activities in particular.

Officials at the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs told the Jordan Times that Irbid Governorate is mainly agricultural, and would be developed along those lines. They added that the southern region is mainly tourism, but also, to some extent, agricultural.

"Regional planning will be of greater significance in the next five-year development plan because it has already been adopted in the present plan (which expires by the end of this year)," Mr. Momani said. He added that regional planning based on the resources of the various regions will, it is hoped, help wipe out disparities among the different regions, and will standardise the services provided all over the country.

Approaches to development vary from one region to another according to the region's resources and conditions, Mr. Momani said, but the final goal is to bring all the regions to the same level of development.

JD 3,500 theft in Ramtha

RAMTHA, Dec. 12 (JT)—Three persons are reported to have stolen 30,000 Syrian pounds (about JD 3,500) from a store here, and escaped with the money.

The store's owner told police that the three persons came to his store ostensibly to make a purchase and were close to the counter and the open drawer containing the cash when he was moving about the place to get them what they wanted.

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Returning to the stage

By Al Ra'i columnist Tareq Masarwa

WE AGAIN say that Egypt's departure from the ranks of Arab unity, and its involvement in the U.S.-Zionist strategy, was a serious matter -- but it was not deadly. Joint Arab action as formulated at the Baghdad summit was an appropriate reply to Camp David, and a true expression of the independence of the Arab will and of commitment to the pan-Arab principles. This is so for the following reasons:

— Because this action was collective.

— Because it went beyond the conventional political formulas which have characterised Arab political thought for two decades without achieving any substantive results.

— Because for the first time, it went beyond the formulas or regional alliances with the superpowers operating in the area. The friends of the United States, the friends of the Russians and the friends of pan-Arab action stood together, each for their own reasons, face to face with the Egyptian regime's relinquishment of the cause.

The Arab position after the Baghdad summit was effective, considering the dynamics of the international forces prevailing in the area. It was a position which encouraged independent European action, because Europe found itself incapable of supporting the American involvement in Camp David. It also attracted the support of Islamic and African international groupings, which gave the Palestinian voice its considerable weight at the United Nations and solidified the wall of isolation encircling Israel.

And now? Now that the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" has deviated from the Baghdad summit formula, what will happen?

— The following is happening and will happen: — The Europeans will go back on any Middle East initiative not in line with Washington's policy, because the involvement of the Europeans in the region will make them party to the inter-Arab dispute; not to the Arab-Zionist or the Arab-American dispute. Europe wants to avoid such involvement; it is content simply to play the role of an arms seller and an oil buyer.

— African support of the Arab cause will diminish, and Israel will resume its infiltration of Africa through the gaps opened by the regime of Colonel Qadhafi in those countries which have broken off relations with Tripoli. Why should Africa support a cause about which the people most concerned with it differ, and exchange accusations of betrayal?

— Most seriously, the following will happen: The division of the Arabs into three groups will provide the new U.S. administration with an

opportunity to deal with each Arab individually, and to apply pressure on each country to drag them into the sponsored "peace" process.

The incoming administration is not "mines" similar to those President Carter in the early days of his administration. It is preparing for involvement just as President did. A few days ago, information about the support of the incoming administration of President-elect Reagan for the establishment of a Palestinian state under the leadership of Yasser Arafat. In order to "confirm" this, it was said that Senator Charles McClellan raised the question when he met with President-elect Reagan. A few days ago, President-elect Reagan volunteered his belief in the significance of the Arab in resolving the Middle East problem, and his eagerness to meet with His Majesty Hussein. Again, a few days ago, he announced that he would spend quickly need for spare parts because of the war on the Jordanian-Syrian border.

Washington realises that it is easy for Arabs to throw themselves into the Soviet influence, because Washington knows these Arabs are governed by the Soviet relationship. Washington sometimes wishes this happen in order to frighten the Arabs and tighten its grip on them. Does it want for a sane revolutionary in Iran to take, for example, to bring the situation in the Gulf to a head? Does he not know that threat would lead to U.S. military intervention taking the Gulf by its very throat?

Does it make sense that an Arab "nary" threatens to storm Jordan militarily, knowing the consequences of such a threat area—consequences which go beyond Jordan and benefit the designs of the States and Israel?

Does it make sense for the Lebanese have continued unchanged, for five years different international parties benefit division?

Joint Arab action as formulated by the summit was real action. To regress to the precedent the Baghdad summit is tantamount to returning the Arab World to its position of international politics, in which everything except the roles drawn up play, the stage, and the opera glasses which we are watched.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: Jordan's withdrawal of its troops from the border region with Syria clearly manifests the country's desire to defuse the tension of the situation. It is not only a bid to support Saudi Arabia's mediation efforts, but comes in response also to Syria's troop withdrawals.

This positive step on both sides of the border will tend to create a healthy atmosphere for reconciliation and a return to efforts aimed at boosting Arab solidarity because we believe that the real conflict is with the Zionist enemy.

Naturally the easing of tension in the border region is seen by Israel as conflicting with its own interests and wishes. Israel could not help rejoicing during the Syrian-Jordanian crisis over the possibility that the Arab armies might clash.

Therefore it is not surprising to hear Israel's information media trying to rekindle the tension and to stir up trouble by describing the easing of tension as a victory for one side and a defeat for the other.

Jordan has always called, and will continue to call, for the strengthening of Arab solidarity and the creation of constructive atmosphere, so that the Arabs can join forces in their struggle to regain their rights and stand up against Israel's challenges and threats.

AL DUSTOUR: His Majesty King Hussein's address to Jordanian and Iraqi troops Tuesday caused a renaissance of hope among those Arabs who had lost heart in the struggle to liberate their usurped territory.

The King made it clear that the Amman Arab summit laid the groundwork for joint Arab action and Arab solidarity, and also created a suitable atmosphere for the Arabs to work freely toward achieving their goals.

He told the troops that the resolutions of the 11th Arab summit will benefit the Palestinians and their cause. It is on the land of Palestine that real steadfastness should be displayed, and for the Arab cause that Arab potentialities should be mobilised.

The current challenges cannot be confronted and the restoration of Arab rights cannot be achieved without the mobilisation of Arab potentialities. Therefore, as King Hussein said, there should be no conflict among the Arabs themselves, since they have a common enemy; and they should exert their total efforts towards their common goals. This, he said, can be achieved only in an atmosphere of understanding among brothers.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Jordan National Gallery, presents an exhibition of paintings by Kosovar Contemporary Artists (from Yugoslavia), at the National Gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh.

The Artists' Association presents an exhibition of paintings by Adnan Yahia at the association's exhibition hall in Jabal Luweibdeh, across the street from the French Cultural Centre.

Musical play

Jordan Television sponsors the musical play "Al Shakhs" (the person), to be performed by the brothers Rahabani, at the Palace of Culture in Sports City, at 8 p.m. Saturday instead of Thursday. Tickets are available at the door, at selected supermarkets and several other places. Proceeds will go to the soldiers' family care society.

Book display

Yarmouk University presents a Spanish book display at the university library. Books on display include a selection of works on Andalusian history, translations and modern Spanish literature.

Film

The French Cultural Centre presents the second film in its Gerard Philippe film festival, "The Beauties of Night", at 7:30 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

Guitar recital

The British Council presents a guitar recital by Julian Byzantine, at 8 p.m. Tickets, at 500 fils each, are available from the British Council.

1980 Chess tournament

The Royal Chess Club invites all chess players and those interested in chess to visit the club, to watch and take part in open games that will be held weekly and continue until the end of this year.

Location: Fourth Circle, Jabal Amman; tel. 44713.

Church Services

The Amman International Church (international and inter-denominational) holds worship services each Sunday at 6 p.m. Church School for adults and children is at 5 p.m. Nursery provided. The Church meets for worship at the Baptist School in Shmeisani. For information, contact the Rev. Philip de Jonge, pastor; Tel. 44032.

The Church of the Redeemer (C of E/Anglican/Episcopal) holds services according to the following schedule: Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Communion

12 noon Morning Service Friday: 9:30 a.m. Morning Service The church is located in the First Circle area of Jabal Amman, near the Ahliyah (CMS) School (beyond China Restaurant).

Christmas Bazaar

The British Ladies of Amman are putting on a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, from 3:30-6 p.m. at the British Embassy Club. There will be many stalls, with handicrafts, home produce, plants, toys, clothes and books; bottle tombola, a bran tub for children and kiddies' games. All proceeds are to go to local charities—the Home of Peace, the San Franciscan Sisters and the Marka mother and child clinic.

Jordan Weekly Calendar

(Week of Dec. 13-19)

FILMS

TUESDAY, Dec. 16: The British Council continues its documentary series "Life on Earth," with parts five and six starting at 8 p.m. Part five, "Conquest of the Water," concentrates entirely on the emergence of the first vertebrates -- the fish. The evolution of fish from their portable sea squirt ancestors is traced, showing the development of jaws, cartilage and bone skeletons, the lateral line system, lungs, swim bladders and fins. Fish are shown in deep ocean waters, swarming in ancestral breeding grounds. The film concludes with an introduction to land walking fish. Part six, "The Invasion of Land": Three hundred and fifty million years ago the major vertebrate invasion of the land began, when fish which had developed primitive limbs and lungs began to explore the swamps and forests. Unique film is included to show a living Coelocanth (primitive legs) and the curious behaviour of the lung fish. This film is one of the most important in the series, linking the aquatic and terrestrial environments, and is perhaps one of the best.

SATURDAY, Dec. 13 and SUNDAY, Dec. 14: The French Cultural Centre's Gerard Philippe film festival continues with "The Beauties of Night" (1952), a comedy in which a young man seeks refuge from reality in dream, and finds characters from his life showing up in his reveries. Directed by Rene Clair, with Gina Lollobrigida and Martine Carol (7:30 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre; in French with Arabic sub-titles)

SUNDAY, Dec. 14: The Goethe Institute presents a film benefiting the children of the Holy Land Institute for the Deaf in Salt: "In Search of Lutz". This West German colour children's film was made in 1968 for television. During the pursuit of a lost dog you may see the attractive German coastal landscape with its animal world, and the characterisation of local people. (7 p.m. at the Goethe Institute).

TUESDAY, Dec. 16 and WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17: The American Centre presents the feature film "Grapes of Wrath", based on John Steinbeck's novel about the Joad family, migrant workers, and their struggle to go from Oklahoma to California and find employment during the depression years. The film will be shown at 7 p.m. both nights in the centres auditorium.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18 and FRIDAY, Dec. 19: "A Bar in an Old Alley" will be presented at the Soviet Cultural Centre, at 6 p.m. and 4 p.m. respectively.

EXHIBITIONS

SUNDAY, Dec. 14: As part of National Archives Week, a

documentary exhibition will continue until Friday, Dec. 19, at the Aqaba Hotel lobby, in Aqaba.

CONTINUING: The French Cultural Centre presents documentary exhibition commemorating the 10th anniversary of the death of Gen. Charles de Gaulle. The exhibition, which will remain open to the public until Dec. 22, comprises exhibits of photographs, documents and books.

*** The Department of Culture and Arts, in cooperation with the Jordan National Gallery, presents an exhibition of paintings by contemporary artists of the Yugoslav state of Kosovo, at the gallery in Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition will remain open until Dec. 15.

*** Saturday is the last day of an exhibition of paintings by Jordanian artist Adnan Yahia sponsored by the Jordanian Artists' Association at the association's exhibition hall in Jabal Luweibdeh, across the street from the French Cultural Centre.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Royal Chess Club invites all chess players and enthusiasts to visit the club, to watch and take part in open games that are taking place as part of its 1980 tournament until the end of the year. The games will be held on **SATURDAY, Dec. 13, MONDAY, Dec. 15; WEDNESDAY, Dec. 17 and THURSDAY, Dec. 18.**

CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, Dec. 14: The Amman International Church (non-denominational) holds church school for children and adults at 5 p.m. and worship services at 6 p.m. The church meets for worship at the Baptist School in Shmeisani.

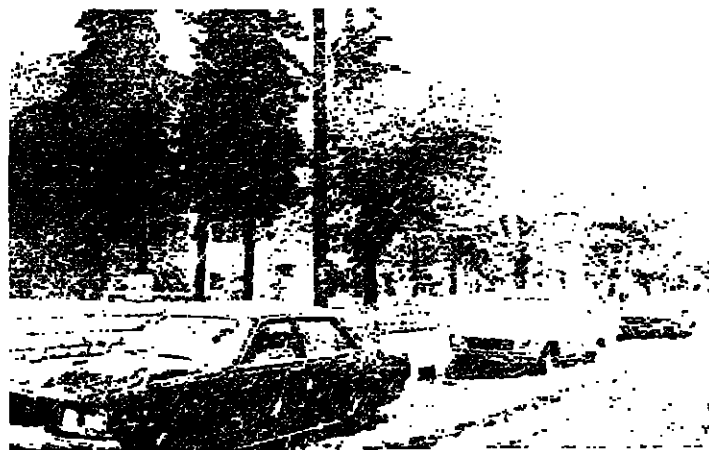
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GUITAR RECITAL

SATURDAY, Dec. 13
The British Council presents a performance by classical guitarist Julian Byzantine, who will perform music spanning the 16th to the 20th centuries, including works by Bach, Paganini, Villa Lobos and Albeniz.

Hey, what's all that white stuff...



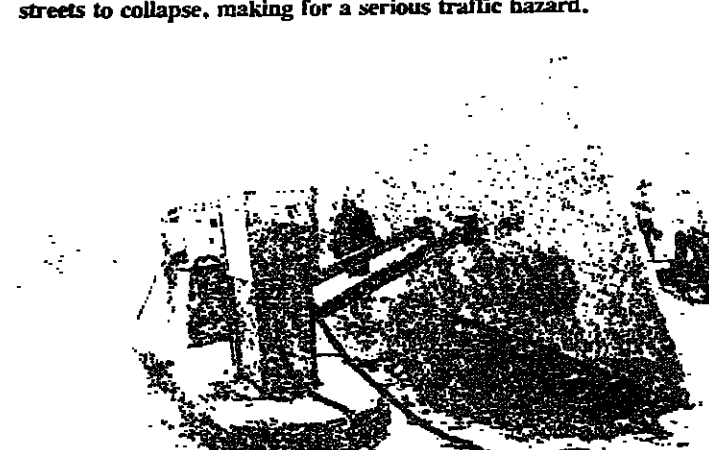
Thickly falling snow transformed the figures of cars parked along Amman's streets within only a few hours Thursday.



The deluge caused many recently dug and filled in trenches in the streets to collapse, making for a serious traffic hazard.



The snow-covered University of Jordan mosque is an eerie prospect.



A recently erected canopy in a Shmeisani petrol station succumbed to the near-gale force winds.



Making one's way along the snow- and slush filled streets became a tricky proposition. (Photos by Yousef Al'Allan)



Foot travel through the flooded streets called for extra layers of clothing.



The Civil Defence Department was called out to clear a blocked culvert in Wad Urnam, near Mahatta Road.

Many cars were left stranded after skidding off the road (left) or getting involved in collisions (right).

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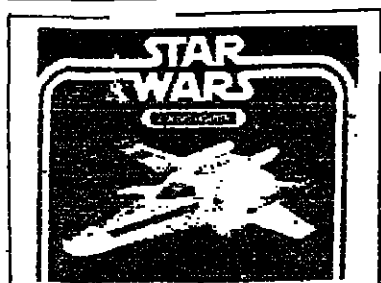


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JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia, Dec. 12 (R) — Foreign oil companies will be entitled to 500 barrels a day (b/d) of Saudi oil for every one million dollars they invest in Saudi Arabia, a government official was quoted as saying yesterday.

It had been widely reported in the West that this would be the scale of the inducement to companies to invest in refining and petrochemical projects, London oil analysts said.

They added that the statement to the English-language newspaper *Arab News* by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Zamil, vice-chairman of Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), left some doubt over whether all participants would actually be able to buy 500 b/d per million dollars from Jan. 1 when the scheme applies.

The newspaper quoted him as saying that exact amounts would

be established after companies had signed joint-venture agreements.

Arab News quoted Jack Butler, chairman of Mobil Saudi Arabia, as saying that his company will receive about 500 b/d per million dollars for its \$300 million investment in an ethylene plant at Jubail, but only half that per million dollar for its \$300 million investment in a refinery at Yanbu.

Hitherto the bulk of Saudi oil has been bought by the four U.S. partners in the Arabian-American Oil Company (Aramco) — Exxon Corporation, Texaco Incorporated, Standard Oil of California and Mobil Corporation — or sold mostly in government deals by the Saudi state oil company Petromin.

The crude-for-investment scheme offers other companies access to relatively low-priced Saudi crude.

But Iraq and Iran to sit apart OPEC -- Bali go-ahead

BALI, Indonesia, Dec. 12 (AP) — Delegations from Iran and Iraq won't be seated next to one another at the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting beginning here Monday.

Sources at Pertamina, Indonesia's state oil company, said the usual alphabetical seating arrangements would be changed to keep representatives of the warring countries well apart.

"It's a tough protocol problem," said one Pertamina executive.

In alphabetical order, OPEC consists of Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Venezuela.

The Bali meeting of oil ministers is the first major OPEC gathering since Iran and Iraq started fighting 82 days ago. The 13-nation organisation has been all but hamstringed by the war and feuding between Iraq's friends in OPEC, the Arab Gulf states, and Iran's friends, the North African producers.

A summit meeting planned for last month in Baghdad to mark the organisation's 20th anniversary had to be postponed indefinitely as was a conference of OPEC finance ministers scheduled for Quito, Ecuador in October.

There had been speculation that the Bali meeting would be postponed because of the Gulf war and the holding of Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Javad Tunguyan by Baghdad. He was captured by Iraqi forces in late October and Baghdad maintains he is a prisoner of war.

The Pertamina sources and western diplomats in Jakarta said the fact that the meeting is being held at all indicates OPEC is determined to get its act together again no matter what the conference may achieve.

The ministers were originally scheduled to meet Dec. 15-17. One western diplomat said Sheikh Zaki Yamani, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, plans to fly out of Bali late Tuesday, indicating the OPEC reunion would last only two days.

No agenda has been released for the meeting. It is expected to be closed except for a formal opening session addressed by Indonesia's President Suharto.

A review of world oil prices was certain, several analysts said, but there was no firm indication that prices would be boosted.

"The only thing you can be sure about is that the price won't be lowered," said a bank economist who specialises in energy matters. The last OPEC conference set the maximum price at \$32 a barrel, plus a maximum of \$5 surcharge for quality and freight premiums.

Saudi Arabia is currently selling its oil for \$30 a barrel, \$2 below the OPEC posting, while Iraq is charging \$32.10.

Algeria, Iran and Libya are said to be among the price hawks pushing for an increase. Spokesman for Venezuela and Indonesia are on record as favouring a "moderate" price hike.

Mana Sa'id Al Oteibah, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, said he would insist on a price freeze at Bali.

Saudi Arabia and Qatar are believed to support a maximum limit of \$37 a barrel. There has been speculation that Saudi Arabia might agree to increase its prices to the OPEC level if other producers don't boost theirs.

The Gulf war eliminated about four million barrels a day (b/d) of Iraqi and Iranian crude from non-communist markets. Saudi Arabia increased its daily production from 9.5 million b/d to 10.5 million b/d in October to make up some of the loss.

OPEC prices climbed about 150 per cent between the end of 1978 and last summer following the Iranian revolution and a sharp drop in Iran's oil output.

The increase spurred conservation measures in the West, resulting in a buildup of oil inventories that has insulated consumers so far from much of the impact of the drop in Iranian and Iraqi exports.

Iraq has resumed oil shipments via pipelines to the Mediterranean across Syria and Turkey. Industry sources said this totals about 80,000 b/d, about one quarter of Iraq's pre-war exports of 3.2 million b/d.

U.S. car sales plummet

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (R) — Major U.S. car manufacturers, already in the red because of falling sales, are being further squeezed by near-record interest rates which are driving potential customers away from the showrooms, industry analysts said today.

The analysts said the U.S. car industry, a mainstay of the economy, was in trouble and unlikely to recover until the second quarter next year.

New models, on which the industry is pinning its hopes, were unveiled in the autumn but sales in the last 10 days of November were 18 per cent down on a year ago.

The three big car makers General Motors, Ford and Chrysler, reported that their total sales in that period fell to 141,553 compared with 197,342 last year.

Total car sales in the United States this year, including imports, are expected to fall to around nine million compared with 10.7 million last year and 11.3 million in 1978.

Commercial interest rates have soared to 19 per cent and are expected to match or exceed the 20 per cent record set in April, making it even more expensive to borrow to buy new cars.

Additionally many states have set interest-rate limits on car loans that are below prevailing commercial rates making it more attractive for banks to lend for other purchases.

"The auto industry is in a mess and high interest rates make projections highly uncertain," said Mr. Al Nelson, an analyst for the New York brokerage house A.G. Becker Incorporated.

"Credit for autos is essentially being rationed and there is no telling how long it will last," he declared.

Economic News Brief

Saudi oil to Philippines

MANILA, Philippines, Dec. 12 (AP) — Saudi Arabia will restore its government-to-government oil supply contract with the Philippines which it cancelled some time ago, President Marcos announced yesterday.

This means restoration of supplies amounting to 100,000 b/d of Saudi oil, Mr. Marcos said in a speech.

The Philippines actually gets an additional 6,000 b/d of Saudi oil but these are commercial imports through private channels and are not affected by the cut-off.

Until yesterday, Mr. Marcos had kept from public the Saudi Arabia's decision to terminate the contract. Last week, who rules by martial law, had been assuring Filipino speeches they had enough stocks of oil.

World Bank loan to India

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP) — The World Bank yesterday said India will receive a loan of \$400 million to help finance the foreign exchange and development of the Bombay High oil and gas field, located 160 kilometres from Bombay.

The bank said the \$83.2 million project will help develop the southern and central areas of the Bombay field, and thus help it achieve a production potential of 100,000 barrels a day (b/d) by mid-1982.

The World Bank and the International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the bank, have been associated with the development of India's energy sector since 1950, the bank said. The two institutions have made 20 loans and credits totalling \$47.4 million for coal production.

New giant tanker

TSU, Japan, Dec. 12 (R) — A Liberian-registered oil tanker, *Viant*, has been remodelled into what is Japanese said to be the world's largest vessel at 560,000 tons deadweight.

The Japanese shipbuilders Nippon Kokan said today the tanker was split into two parts and a new 140,000-ton section inserted in the middle. They said the elongated vessel was delivered to its owners, Universal Petroleum Corporation of Hong Kong, next week.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, Dec. 12 (R) — Share prices edged firmer in quiet trading with jobbers generally marking prices higher following the recent losses, dealers said. At 1500 the FT index was up 3.1 at 459.5.

Equity leaders were mainly between a penny and 4p firmer though ICL was again a weak feature losing 8p at 71p on continued selling after yesterday's latest annual results, dealers added. The issue has fallen 32p since the results were announced, they noted.

U.S. and Canadian issues were firmer with IBM up 50p to £27.38.

U.K. government bonds closed with gains of ¼ point noted at the longer end. Dealers said the gains were purely technical and the market remains depressed over the high level of central government borrowing.

Among leading equities Unilever, ICL, Glaxo, Plessey and Lucas were up 2p or 4p while Hawker Siddeley rose 8p to 238p. Courtaulds, Boots, BAT Industries and Reed International each added a penny.

Gold mining shares also recovered slightly in line with the bullion price, dealers said.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

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| U.S. dollar | 308.50/310.50 | French franc | 67.10/67.50 |
| U.K. sterling | 720.20/724.50 | Dutch guilder | 143.10/144.00 |
| West German mark | 155.30/156.20 | Swedish crown | 69.90/70.30 |
| Swiss franc | 171.40/172.40 | Belgium franc | 96.60/97.30 |
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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day to get organized and to schedule your activities for the future. You are more businesslike now and can handle difficult problems in a satisfactory manner.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Study new philosophies of life that can be helpful in the future. Make sure your personal life is well organized.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take time to talk with influential persons who can help you in your career. Obtain new ideas of worth from friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure you keep important promises made to others and gain their goodwill and respect. Express happiness.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Contact new allies who can be helpful to you in new enterprises. Engage in favorite hobby.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Ideal day to get busy on important duties you've been putting off for a long time. Take needed health treatments.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your surroundings and make plans for improvement. Contact influential persons who can be helpful to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Ideal day to join congenials at recreations you enjoy. Take a look at a new interest that could prove profitable in the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Go to the right sources to gather the data you need in order to make your life more successful in the future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be more concerned with money matters since rising prices require that you have more money. Think constructively.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have a good chance to get what you go after today. A fine talent you have can be expressed at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Show that you have good common sense and gain the respect of others. Discuss personal plans with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study positive ways to improve the quality of your life. Show more affection for family members. Show that you have wisdom.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be one who can easily comprehend a difficult problem and solve it quickly. Give good religious and moral training early in life so that this becomes a well-balanced life. A good education is important here.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

GOREN BRIDGE

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North-South vulnerable.

East deals.

NORTH

♠ 654

♥ A J 9 5 3 2

♦ J 7 6

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♠ K 8 7 6 5

♥ A Q 10 8

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♣ K 8

SOUTH

♠ A Q 3

♥ K J 3 2

♦ 10 4

♣ A Q 3 2

The bidding:

West North

♠ 1 NT Pass 2 ♦

♥ 2 ♦ 3 ♦

♣ 3 NT Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠.

It is not often that you encounter dummy play and defense equal to the caliber exhibited on this hand. Our sporter only mentioned that occurred in a rubber bridge game. We regret that he failed to identify the South and East players so that we could lay them adequate homage. South bid very aggressively. He would have been wiser

to listen to his partner and be content with three diamonds. But he turned in a stellar performance to land his game.

West led the jack of spades and declarer allowed it to win. The ten of spades continuation was won by the queen. Declarer led the ten of diamonds, and he made his first good play when he overtook that with dummy's jack.

Had East won the queen, the hand would have been over. Declarer would simply have repeated the diamond finesse to take five diamond tricks, and then a club finesse would have secured the game-going trick. But East scuttled this plan by allowing the jack of diamonds to win.

Now declarer's wisdom in overruling the ten of diamonds became apparent. Declarer was in dummy, and he made good use of that unexpected entry to take the club finesse. The queen won and, when the king dropped under the ace, the jack of clubs was set up as an entry to dummy.

Declarer led a diamond to the ace and continued the suit, conceding a trick to the king but setting up three tricks in the suit. The jack of clubs was the entry to dummy. When the defenders continued spades, declarer had ten tricks—five diamonds, three clubs and two spades.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

India battles Tasmania in Hobart cricket

HOBART, Dec. 12 (AP) — Indian cricket Captain Sunil Gavaskar has taken up the challenge from Tasmania Captain Brian Davison to try and manufacture a result in the three-day match here in Hobart.

Today Davison declared Tasmania's innings at 233 for five, 42 runs behind India's first innings of 275.

At stumps, Gavaskar and fellow opener Chetan Chauhan made 62 runs in only 54 minutes. Gavaskar is 30 not out and Chetan 32 not out.

Today belonged to Tasmania with Davison, David Boon and Robbie Knight all scoring well.

Davison was very severe on the limited Indian attack, scoring 76 not out in only 126 minutes.

He came to the wicket with Tasmania's score at 150 and combined in two important partnerships.

The first was with Boon and they added 43 runs in only 31 minutes. Later Davison and allrounder Stuart Saunders added 70 runs for the sixth wicket in 81 minutes.

Boon, 19, finished with 63 runs and it is understood test selector Allan Davidson, who was at the match, was impressed with the youngster.

Boon came to the wicket with Tasmania two for 31. He and first drop batsman Robbie Knight combined in a 77-run third-wicket partnership.

Boon battled for 151 minutes and hit eight fours in his innings, while Knight battled for 154 minutes for 43.

India's attack was limited to four bowlers because of the injury to test medium-pace Karsan Ghavri, who hurt his neck while batting yesterday and did not take the field today.

Vaughan's 69 gives Wales golf cup lead

BOGOTA, Dec. 12 (R) — Welshman David Vaughan shot a dazzling 69, three under par, to put his country into a three-stroke lead going into today's second round of the World Cup golf tournament here.

Vaughan shared the individual lead with Scotland's Sandy Lyle and John O'Leary of Ireland, who also needed only 69 strokes yesterday in the first round over the 6,895-metre course at the Club Rincon de Cajica near here. With Vaughan's partner Ian Woosnam returning a par 72, Wales ended the first round on 141. Canada, Japan and Ireland shared second place on 144, with South Africa on 145 and Taiwan on 146.

Setting out from the 10th, Vaughan opened with a birdie and had further birdies at his 10th and 18th holes.

O'Leary's partner in the Irish team, Des Smyth, took 75. Dan Halldorson had a 70 and Jim Neilford a 74 for Canada and Norio Suzuki returned a 70 and Haruo Yasuda a 74 for Japan.

NBA basketball roundup

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — The Milwaukee players couldn't seem to agree on the key elements of their 119-107 victory over New York last night. No matter. Whether they were more effective on the inside or outside, the Bucks still came away winners.

"We were determined to shut off the attack of their Guards," said Sidney Moncrief, who recalled a 104-94 loss to the Knicks last Saturday in which the Bucks didn't play their best defensively. "I concentrated more on defense tonight. We wanted to stop their fast break."

Bucks coach Don Nelson felt his team won the game under the boards, even though substitute center Harvey Catchings was benched with an injured shoulder. Catchings was replaced by Len Elmore as backup to Bob Lanier.

Forward Mickey Johnson was an important man under the boards as well.

It was a tight contest most of the way after the Knicks rallied from a 12-point hole to knot the halftime score 54-54. With the game tied at 97, Lanier hit a turnaround jumper to put Milwaukee ahead to stay.

Quinn Buckner topped Milwaukee with 22 points while Moncrief and Marques Johnson hit for 17. Rookie Mike Woodson paced the Knicks with 22 points, while Bill Cartwright and Mike Glenn had 19 apiece.

In other National Basketball Association games, Indiana defeated Cleveland 103-100 and San Antonio took Kansas City 122-104.

Pacers 103, Cavaliers 100

Indiana held off Cleveland down the stretch with some smart basketball, according to Pacers coach Jack McKinney.

"Our players played their roles well. They're becoming an intelligent team," noted McKinney, who, in his first year at the Pacers' helm, has guided them to a 19-12 record, their best in five NBA seasons.

"They're getting used to winning. I told them after the game that at the end we made a lot of big plays, which is what a good team has to do to win."

Forward Mike Bantom — his four points late in the game on a 20-foot shot and two free throws won the contest — found another reason for Indiana's success so far.

"We've got a lot of versatile talents on this team," he said. Billy Knight had 22 points for Indiana and Randy Smith scored 23 for the Cavs.

Spurs 122, Kings 104

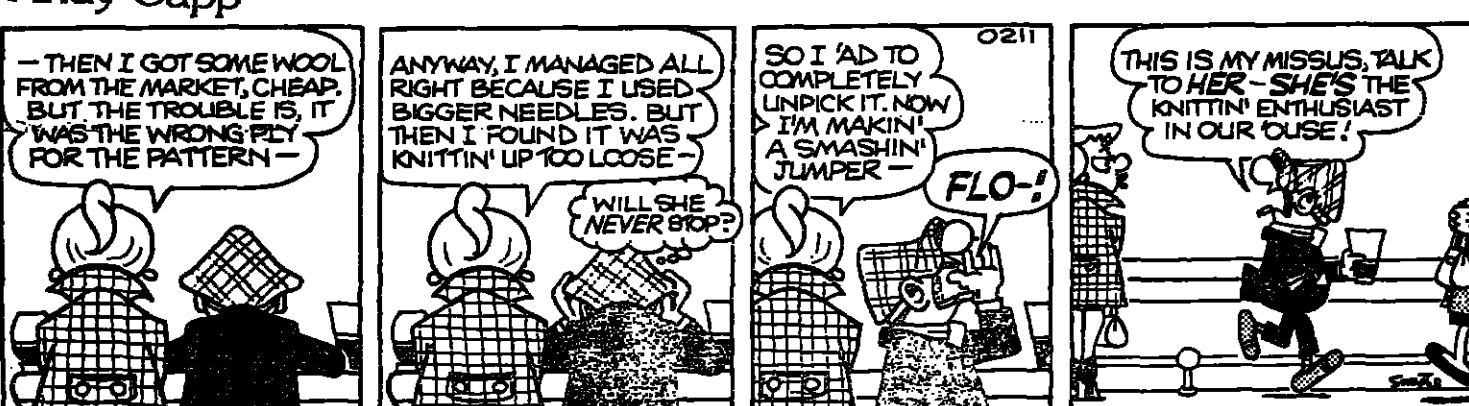
San Antonio outscored Kansas City 23-8 in the final six minutes and won despite just 19 points by George. James Silas sparked the attack with 27 points and Mark Olberding had a season-high 25.

Otis Birdsong led KC with 28 points and Scott Wedman had 25.

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Poland should decide its own future

NATO to Soviets: 'Polish invasion would kill detente'

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (R) — NATO's foreign ministers said today that Soviet military action in Poland would destroy detente and added that western nations would strengthen their defences.

"The Soviet menace which hangs over Poland," following Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and a continuing military buildup by the Kremlin "give cause for grave concern," they said in a communiqué after a two-day meeting in Brussels.

The 15 allies were "determined to meet any challenge to the freedom and well-being of their peoples and to make the efforts and sacrifices required for deterrence and defence," the communiqué added.

"Under present circumstances, there is particular need to look to deterrence and defence. The allies will therefore take, individually or collectively, the defence measures to meet the growth of Warsaw Pact capabilities and to deter any aggression," the communiqué said.

The NATO ministers agreed unanimously that Soviet intervention in Poland would be met by tough political, economic and diplomatic counter-measures, but decided to withhold details of specific reprisals under study.

NATO has already ruled out a military response, but alliance forces are on alert in case Soviet action in Poland spills over to endanger western security in Europe.

U.S. Secretary of State Edmund

Muskie told a press conference that East-West relations would be affected "in an incalculable way" if the Soviet Union intervened in Poland.

The NATO ministers said detente had been seriously damaged by Soviet actions and "could not survive if the Soviet Union were again to violate the basic rights of any state to territorial integrity and independence."

In the strongest warning signal to Moscow since Soviet troops began assembling on Polish borders two weeks ago, NATO said Poland should be left free to decide its own future.

"The allies will respect the principle of non-intervention and strongly urge others to do likewise," they said.

"Any intervention would fundamentally alter the entire international situation. The allies would be compelled to react in the manner which the gravity of this development would require."

Officials said a full-scale Soviet invasion of Poland would meet a broad range of counter-measures now under study at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

But there were also plans for less severe reprisals for other contingencies, such as internal repression inside Poland under obvious Soviet pressure.

Yoko says Lennon's death not 'the end of an era'

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (AP) — John Lennon's widow says the despair over her husband's slaying is getting out of hand, and she has urged rock fans not to treat his death as "the end of an era."

"So many things are happening... people are committing suicide. They are sending me telegrams saying this is the end of an era. I'm really so concerned," Yoko Ono said yesterday.

Earlier this week, two people apparently despondent over Lennon's death took their own lives. Mr. Mark David Chapman, who is charged with the shooting of the internationally famous rock star, was taken to court in a bulletproof vest for a hearing yesterday in which his court-appointed attorney withdrew from the case. A new lawyer was appointed.

Lawyer Herbert Adlerberg said the case was "becoming an albatross," with his one-man practice interrupted by a flood of telephone calls from journalists and the curious. Mr. Adlerberg denied reports that he had received death threats.

Meanwhile, fans continued to mourn Lennon's death, maintaining a vigil outside the exclusive Dakota apartment building where Lennon lived in Manhattan.

"This has completely devastated me," said Miss Pat Whitcomb, 30. "I can't work and I can't sleep. I'm here because I feel I just have to be with people who understand what I'm going through."

About 20 people held a memorial service for Lennon, who was 40, at the Illinois state capitol yesterday.

Miss Ono has asked that ten minutes of silence be observed worldwide at 2 p.m. (1900 GMT) on Sunday to honour Lennon's memory.

In Miami, Florida, WWL Programme Director Rick Peters said 10 Florida stations would go off the air for the vigil. Two Ohio rock music radio stations, in Cleveland and in Cincinnati, said they would suspend broadcasting for 10 minutes.

A memorial service was scheduled for Sunday at the University of Illinois campus, and Mayor Edward Koch invited New Yorkers to observe the vigil in Central Park where "appropriate recorded music" would be played.

Lennon was cremated in New York, and his ashes given to Miss Ono to be buried privately at a secret place.

In a recent interview, Lennon said he did not believe in worship of the dead. He was also said to have an aversion to the cult worship at the graves of such stars as Elvis Presley.

By that year, ILO Director General Francis Blanchard told delegates to an ILO Asian regional meeting which opened here, 818 million Asians, excluding mainland Chinese, will be unable to meet even basic necessities compared with 759 million destitute Asians six years ago.

He also warned that projections of increased worldwide economic activity in the 1980s may turn out to be "much too optimistic" in the face of current recession and other economic ills compounded by armed conflicts in Asia.

Mr. Blanchard said a lack of jobs was at the root of Asian poverty, adding that at the beginning of this year unemployment and underemployment rates had hit a "staggering" level of 40 per cent, or more than 200 million people.

ILO statistics, according to him, show the region's labour force will grow by 139 million over the next seven years with 10 million Asian youths looking each year for their first jobs.

Six workers out of 10 in the world will be Asians by the end of 1987, according to Mr. Blanchard.

Mr. Blanchard said that the developing countries must carry the main burden of their people's poverty though "their efforts cannot succeed without more substantial, more sustained support from the richer countries."

Although understood that industrialised countries themselves were in deep economic trouble, Mr. Blanchard warned that by adopting protectionist measures at home, the developed countries "risk stifling international trade, jeopardising the resurgence of the world economy and undermining the long-term interests of developed and developing countries alike."

Mr. Blanchard's sentiments were echoed by Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, who charged in a keynote speech to the conference's delegates from about 30 countries that developed countries have "short memories of their own struggling beginnings."

Reagan names cabinet choices but Haig controversy continues

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (R) — U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan has named eight cabinet officers and advisers but delayed a decision on his secretary of state as controversy continued over Gen. Alexander Haig, the favourite for the post.

Mr. Reagan's choices included former White House budget director Caspar Weinberger as defence secretary, Wall Street securities executive Donald Regan as treasury secretary, Los Angeles lawyer William French Smith as attorney general and former intelligence agent William Casey as Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director.

Gen. Haig, a former North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) supreme commander, was tipped as the next secretary of state after former treasury secretary George Shultz withdrew from consideration last month.

But several senators this week criticised the general's role as White House chief of staff for President Nixon in the final months of the Watergate scandal and warned there might be opposition if Mr. Reagan nominated him.

Reagan aides said they expected the president-elect to announce a secretary of state next week, probably choosing Gen. Haig or asking Mr. Shultz to take the post despite his initial reluctance.

The cabinet members and cabinet-level advisers named yesterday were middle-of-the-road Republicans, mainly with successful experience in business and government.

The other men chosen were business executive Naicolm Baldrige as commerce secretary, Sen. Richard Schweiker of Pennsylvania as health secretary, Republican political expert Drew Lewis as transportation secretary and Congressman David Stockman of Michigan as budget director.

Mr. Reagan abandoned tradition by not announcing the appointments personally, leaving it to spokesman Jim Brady and causing speculation that he did not want to be questioned about Gen. Haig.

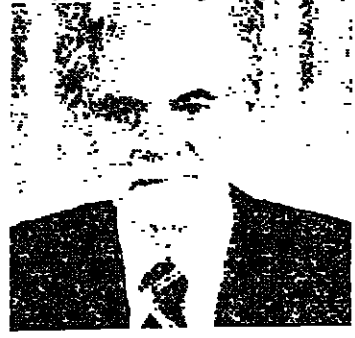
Senior Reagan aides refused to say whether any blacks or women would be included in the cabinet.

Mr. Reagan said last night that a militarily strong United States would provide a sounder base from which to negotiate arms limitation.

"Negotiating from a position of strength is better than just negotiating," he said in a speech to the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.



Caspar Weinberger: Defence Secretary



William F. Smith: Attorney General



William Casey: CIA Director

Obote leading in Ugandan poll

KAMPALA, Dec. 12 (AP) — Former president Milton Obote's Uganda People's Congress Party (UPC) took an early lead over the Roman Catholic-based Democratic Party (DP), according to general election returns announced today by the electoral commission.

Reports on the official Uganda Radio gave the UPC 44 seats and Mr. Paul Ssemogerere's DP 18, with one seat for the Uganda Patriotic Movement.

Half the results in the 126 seats at stake in Uganda's first general election in 18 years remained to be announced.

Both main parties, the DP and the UPC, had claimed a parliamentary majority on the basis of unofficial returns in elections aimed at ending 10 years of military rule and restoring constitutional government.

The UPC's reported 44 seats put the party close to winning the 51 seats which would give a party the right to name the president for a five-year term.

First returns were broadcast 24 hours after the polls closed to climax a chaotic, bitter campaign marked by violence and charges of intimidation and fraud.

Military ruler Paulo Muwanga, under western and Commonwealth pressure, reversed a 24-hour-old ruling earlier today.

Mr. Muwanga yielded control of the elections, telling reporters that his military commission, while "strongly backing former president Milton Obote during a turbulent campaign" would not act in favour of any party.

"We are committed to free and fair elections," he said. Mr. Muwanga said he had been in touch with leaders of Mr. Obote's socialist UPC and Mr. Ssemogerere's DP, and that both parties were now satisfied with election arrangements.

The DP had accused Mr. Muwanga and Mr. Obote, old friends, of trying to steal the election. Before Mr. Muwanga's announcement, observers from the Commonwealth, the 43-nation association of Britain and her former colonies, said they would quit before completing their task of judging the fairness of the voting because Mr. Muwanga had seized the election apparatus and made their job impossible.

The observers said Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal was in contact with Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere last night to bring pressure on Mr. Muwanga.

Mr. Nyerere's troops ousted Ugandan dictator Idi Amin last year and remain as Uganda's strongest security force.

Diplomats said the U.S. and British embassies sent representatives to Mr. Muwanga today to press for release of election results.

When two days of chaotic voting ended yesterday, Mr. Muwanga declared he alone would receive the results, judge their validity and determine whether they should stand.

Mr. Muwanga forbade public disclosure of the outcome -- in the view of many analysts to save Mr. Obote from possible defeat. Commonwealth observer team leader Emmanuel Debrah of Ghana had said early results indicated a "cliffhanger."

He said some aides were leaving but that the nine observers would stay at least one more day.

The elections, the first in 18 years of independence from Britain, were to end military rule and restore constitutional government for the first time since Idi Amin overthrew Mr. Obote in 1971.

"Under the circumstances, it's shameful for Muwanga to behave like that," said a source close to the Commonwealth observers.

UPC spokesman Peter Otai, Uganda's ambassador to Ethiopia, later told reporters: "There has now been an understanding among leaders of the parties and military leaders about announcing the results."

Kampala was largely deserted this morning, except for jubilant crowds outside the headquarters of the DP and UPC. Offices of two other parties that trailed in the voting were closed.

Banks and the Post Office remained closed. Many residents said they expected trouble when the results were announced.

On Thursday, the DP claimed it won 70 of the 126 seats and the UPC got 29. But Mr. Obote said his party got at least 66 seats and possibly more than 70. A party needs 51 seats to name the president.

Mr. Obote, who is supported by Mr. Nyerere, had been widely favoured to win the elections. However, he faced strong opposition from the Bagandas, Uganda's most powerful tribe, whose members occupy many professional and most civil service posts.

Mr. Obote tried to abolish the Baganda Kingdom shortly before his ouster, setting off intertribal warfare that intensified under Amin and has continued sporadically.



Armed conflicts compound an already grim situation. An Afghan refugee camp near Rawalpindi in Pakistan.

In his speech, Mr. Blanchard said the focus of the attack on poverty should be concentrated on the rural areas where the majority of the impoverished Asian masses live.

Mr. Blanchard asked the delegates to come up with recommendations on how to deal with the problems of rural Asia: agricultural development, non-agricultural employment, land reform, workers' organisations, recognition of the role of women; education of rural youth and provision of essential social services.

He warned, however, against governments in developing countries curtailing workers' rights in the name of progress.

"In the search for the stability that is so badly needed, and perhaps in pursuit of short-term advantage, here may be a temptation to view trade unionism as a luxury," Mr. Blanchard said.

"Freedom of association is a fundamental principle of our organisation and a fundamental right," he added. "It is also, I profoundly believe, the only sure foundation for sound industrial relations. Neither stability nor economic growth will be durable unless achieved under conditions of human freedom."

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EEC offers Poland subsidised food aid

BRUSSELS, Dec. 12 (R) — The European Community (EEC) Commission has offered Poland large quantities of food at prices below market rates, EEC commission sources said.

The offer follows discussions between commission officials and a Polish trade ministry delegation on Polish requests for supplies to help combat food shortages after a bad harvest earlier this year.

The price reductions would cost the Community up to \$56 million, depending on the amount of rebate given, commission sources said. The EEC is expected to offer Poland prices 10 per cent below world market rates.

Details of how the food sales will be made, from EEC surplus stocks where these exist or through the market in other cases, will be decided next week, commission sources said.

EEC government leaders approved plans for economic aid to Poland at a summit in Luxembourg earlier this month.

Because of Poland's financial difficulties, the Polish government does not have enough funds to pay for the food purchases itself and is expected to seek credits from

EEC governments. The commission offers sugar, butter, pigmeat, olive oil, rapeseed, powder, barley, rye and so on. A prominent member of the Solidarity trade union, Zygmond Zawadzki, said: "I am not so sure that we have to ask for this. We are able to produce our own food."

Mr. Josef Przybylski, one of the union's coordinating committee, said Solidarity was concerned about Poland's economic situation and work to set it right.

Both men dismissed the possibility of a Soviet invasion of Poland, and Mr. Przybylski said the Solidarity movement was convinced that a economically and politically developed Poland was able to live better.

'Boost defence spending'

Brown urges Tokyo leaders

TOKYO, Dec. 12 (AP) — U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown urged Japanese leaders today to boost defence spending to counter "aggressive Soviet behaviour."

Mr. Brown endorsed a proposal by the Japanese defence agency to raise its budget by 9.7 per cent next year "as a modest step in the right direction and said that more should be done," according to a statement released by the U.S. embassy here at the close of the one-day talks.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, in an interview televised hours before Mr. Brown's arrival yesterday, said lack of revenue might force his government to abandon its previous agreement to raise military outlay by 9.7 per cent for fiscal year 1981, which begins next April.

The finance ministry, seeking to curb deficit spending, has limited the increase of the overall budget to 7.9 per cent above the fiscal 1980 level of 46,000 billion yen (\$219 billion). This year Japan has earmarked 2,223 billion yen (\$105 billion) for defence.

Mr. Brown met for two hours with Japanese counterpart Joji Omura and later paid a courtesy call on Mr. Suzuki and Cabinet Secretary Kiichi Miyazawa.

The embassy statement said that Mr. Brown and Mr. Omura "discussed the tense international situation created by the massive Soviet military buildup over the years and aggressive Soviet behaviour."

"Secretary Brown reviewed efforts to date by the United States and its allies to respond to the (Soviet) challenge, including U.S. military activities in south-west Asia and the results of the NATO planning committee which he just attended," the statement said.

Mr. Brown told the Japanese that U.S. defence spending next year would be about 5.3 per cent of gross national product (GNP), compared to 0.9 per cent of GNP for Japan and about 3 per cent for Western European nations.

The U.S. defence secretary was scheduled to fly to Seoul tomorrow to confer with South Korean leaders on mutual security issues and reportedly to convey official U.S. concern over the death sentence imposed against opposition politician Kim Dae-jung.

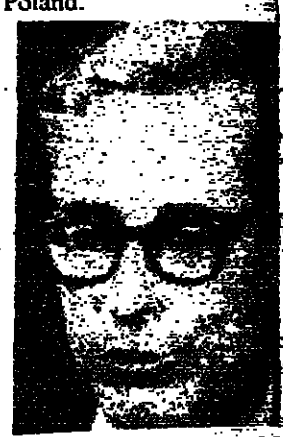
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At the North Atlantic Organisation meeting in Mr. Brown told NATO ministers they should boost military spending to Soviet Union intervention in Poland.



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Jiang ordered out of courtroom

PEKING, Dec. 12 (AP) — Chairman Mao Tse-tung's widow was ordered out of the courtroom today, after she was accused of "revisionism" and "distorting the truth."

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She called them "spies" and "revisionists," meaning they had twisted the ideas of Mao and Mao, they said.

It was not known if she departed quietly or was physically ejected. She faced charges today of framing and persecuting six deputy mayors of Peking and secretaries of the municipal party committee. Four persons allegedly were persecuted to death, including former deputy mayor Wu Han.

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The witnesses against her were Wang Kun Lun, a former vice mayor and Liao Mu Sha, former director of the city United Front Organisation.

Jiang Qing previously has denounced her accusers in court, saying they were trying to destroy her because they never can destroy Mao, sources reported. She also has said she is being charged wrongly with "contradictions among the people," — meaning political questions, not crimes.

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Details of her statements were not known.

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As one of the shrewdest politicians in China, Chou managed to retain his post despite the purges of the Cultural Revolution.

In an interview last summer Deng said the late premier was in a difficult position and said he did many things contrary to his conscience. "But the people forgave him."

By manoeuvring and protecting his own position, Deng said, Chou was able to reduce the damage of the Cultural Revolution and protect many people.

Chou appeared at Cultural Revolution rallies alongside Mao and the late, disgraced defence minister Lin Biao and lent his support.

After his death in 1976, thousands streamed to Peking's central square in April to mourn and place wreaths at his unofficial monument.



Kampuchea is one of the worst affected countries: another refugee camp just inside Thailand.

By that year, ILO Director General Francis Blanchard told delegates to an ILO Asian regional meeting which opened here, 818 million Asians, excluding mainland Chinese, will be unable to meet even basic necessities compared with 759 million destitute Asians six years ago.

He also warned that projections of increased worldwide economic activity in the 1980s may turn out to be "much too optimistic" in the face of current recession and other economic ills compounded by armed conflicts in Asia.

Mr. Blanchard said a lack of jobs was at the root of Asian poverty, adding that at the beginning of this year unemployment and underemployment rates had hit a "staggering" level of 40 per cent, or more than 200 million people.

ILO statistics, according to him, show the region's labour force will grow by 139 million over the next seven years with 10 million Asian youths looking each year for their first jobs.

Six workers out of 10 in the world will be Asians by the end of 1987, according to Mr. Blanchard.

Mr. Blanchard said that the developing countries must carry the main burden of their people's poverty though "their efforts cannot succeed without more substantial, more sustained support from the richer countries."

Although understood that industrialised countries themselves were in deep economic trouble, Mr. Blanchard warned that by adopting protectionist measures at home, the developed countries "risk stifling international trade, jeopardising the resurgence of the world economy and undermining the long-term interests of developed and developing countries alike."

Mr. Blanchard's sentiments were echoed by Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos, who charged in a keynote speech to the conference's delegates from about 30 countries that developed countries have "short memories of their own struggling beginnings."

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